

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DAMASC 02976 041215Z

44

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W

----- 067116

P R 041150Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4163

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

USMISSION USUN

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2976

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OAU, SY, XF, IS, UNGA

SUBJ: SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CLAIMS PLEASURE OVER OAU

SUMMIT ACTION ON ISRAELI UN STATUS

1. ASKED KHADDAM IN AUGUST 4 MEETING IF HE HAD ANY  
GENERAL COMMENT ON THE COURSE OF OAU KAMPALA SUMMIT. HE  
REPLIED CHEERFULLY THAT THE RESULTS HAD BEEN EXCELLENT  
AND NOT AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS. SYRIAN CONTACTS HAD  
FOILED ATTEMPTS BY "FOUR OR FIVE STATES, INCLUDING  
EGYPT, TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION WHICH WAS NOT IN LINE WITH  
THE ONE WHICH WAS FINALLY TAKEN." (SIC)

2. HARPING ON HIS FAVORITE THEME, KHADDAM CONTINUED THAT  
USG WAS UNFORTUNATELY STILL MORE CONCERNED WITH THE QUESTION  
OF ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UN THAT WITH US INTERESTS. HE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DAMASC 02976 041215Z

HAD HOPED THAT BY NOW US POLICY WOULD HAVE BECOME MORE

REALISTIC BECAUSE USG WOULD FAIL ON THIS ISSUE. SYRIA INTENDED THAT THE US SHOULD BENEFIT FROM A WORLDWIDE PRESSURE CAMPAIGN ENGINEERED BY ARABS AGAINST ISRAEL WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE USG'S OWN TASK IN PRESSURING ISREAL TO END ITS STATE OF AGGRESSION. US SHOULD WELCOME SUCH ASSISTANCE GIVEN ITS INTEREST IN A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN AREA.

3. REPLIED THAT WE HAD EARLIER DISCUSSED REASONS FOR US CONCERN ABOUT CAMPAIGN TO EXPEL OR SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UN. WE ARE NOT NOR HAVE WE EVER SOUGHT TO JUSTIFY ISRAELI OCCUPATION MUCH LESS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS OF EITHER SIDE TO BLOCK MOVEMENT TOWARDS PEACE. SO-CALLED "ARAB CAMPAIGN" TO SUSPEND OR EXPEL ISRAEL WE VIEWED AS DIRECTLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THIS AREA. US ADMINISTRATION WAS WORKING INTENSIVELY ON BOTH US PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION TO SECURE THE REQUIRED SUPPORT FOR ITS PEACE INITIATIVES. US PUBLIC WOULD CERTAINLY NOT UNDERSTAND CAMPAIGN TO UNSEAT OR SUSPEND ISRAEL AND MIGHT RESPOND BY WITHHOLDING ITS SUPPORT FOR ADMINISTRATION'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROGRAM. FURTHERMORE WE FORESAW POTENTIALLY BROADLY DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT ON US PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR UN ORGANIZATION GENERALLY IN WHICH WE AND MOST NATIONS HAD WIDE RANGING INTERESTS EXTENDING BEYOND UN HANDLING OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

4. KHADDAM'S ONLY REPLY WAS THAT "MATTERS WILL TAKE THEIR NORMAL COURSE AND I AM REASSURED AS A RESULT OF KAMPALA ABOUT THE FUTURE." WHEN LATER IN CONVERSATION I DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATE AUGUST VISIT HERE BY CODEL OBEY, KHADDAM SMILINGLY COMMENTED HE UNFORTUNATELY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEM SINCE BY THEN HE WOULD BE IN LIMA WORKING FOR ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UN.

5. COMMENT: IN LIGHT AVAILABLE EVIDENCE POINTING TO FAILURE OF OAU TO SUPPORT SYRIAN-PLO EFFORTS RE UNSEATING ISRAEL, KHADDAM WAS DISPLAYING REMARKABLE SANG FROID. WHAT HE MAY, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN HINTING AT WAS THAT OAU DEBATE SERVED SYRIA'S BASIC PURPOSE IN THIS WHOLE AFFAIR BY FOCUSING INTENSIVE WORLDWIDE PUBLICITY ON ME CONFRONTATION AND CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 DAMASC 02976 041215Z

IN PARTICULAR ON REASONS WHY ARABS VIEW ISRAEL AS INTRANSIGENT. MURPHY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** EXPULSION, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUMMIT MEETINGS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 04 AUG 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** RowellE0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975DAMASC02976  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750268-0468  
**From:** DAMASCUS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750882/aaaacutm.tel  
**Line Count:** 109  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** RowellE0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 22 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <22 MAY 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <02 OCT 2003 by RowellE0>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CLAIMS PLEASURE OVER OAU SUMMIT ACTION ON ISRAELI UN STATUS  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PORO, SY, XF, IS, OAU, UNGA, (KHADDAM, ABD AL-HALIM)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006